

Pembrokeshire Branch is delighted to send you our monthly E-newsletter to keep you informed about what CAMRA is doing in our County.

Feel free to contact us (e-mail addresses below) if you have any questions or suggestions.

Better still, why not come along to a Branch Meeting or Social? You will find us a friendly, welcoming bunch of fellow real ale and cider lovers who will be glad to see you.

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Branch Annual General Meeting, and Christmas Dinner, 1pm, Saturday 16th December at the *Corner Piece*, Rudbaxton.

Recruitment Drive – Get CAMRA Publicity Material into our Pubs!!

Siaradwyr Cymraeg dal eisiau!

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING:

August Branch Social at Aberaeron Beer Festival

Branch members visited the excellent Aberaeron Beer Festival at Aberaeron Yacht Club on Saturday 12th August, followed by a visit to the nearby Good Beer Guide listed *Cadwgan Inn*. A Branch representative thanked Festival organiser Nathan Goss and Bae Ceredigion CAMRA Chair Mary Galliers for a great event which our members much enjoyed. We will be seeing our neighbours from Bae Ceredigion Branch again later this month – see below.

August is holiday month, so our members have been enjoying fine ales in pleasant places, with no other formal CAMRA activities.

We're back with a bang in September – see below.

PUBS AND BREWERY NEWS

YMGYRCH I ACHUB Y CROSS CAS-LAI WEDI GYFARFOD CYHOEDDUS LLWYDDIANNUS

Cynhaliodd y Gymdeithas Budd Cymunedol a sefydlwyd i reoli pryniant Cymunedol *Y Cross*, Hayscastle Cross, gyfarfod cyhoeddus a fynychwyd gan nifer dda ar ddydd Mercher 2 Awst am 7pm yng Nghapel Newton, ger y dafarn.

Roedd cynrychiolwyr ein Cangen CAMRA, dan arweiniad ein Swyddog Cadw Tafarndai, Alan Kilbey, yn bresennol, gan adlewyrchu'r gefnogaeth y mae'r Gangen wedi'i rhoi i'r ymgyrch gymunedol leol hon ers iddi ddechrau.

Dywedodd Cadeirydd yr Ymgyrch, Geraint Evans, wrth y cyfarfod y byddai arian grant o £244,000 yn cael ei dalu i gyfrif y Gymdeithas Budd Cymunedol yn fuan. Dywedodd ei gydweithiwr Clive Hampton wrth y cyfarfod fod y broses drawsgludo ar gyfer y gymdeithas gymunedol sy'n prynu'r dafarn ar y gweill.

Byddai cyfarfod yn y Ganolfan Gymunedol leol i rannu cynlluniau ar gyfer y gwaith adnewyddu a fyddai'n dilyn. Y gobaith oedd y byddai'r dafarn yn gallu agor o dan reolaeth y gymuned ar gyfer digwyddiad cymdeithasol lansio ym mis Hydref. Diau y bydd croeso mawr i aelodau lleol CAMRA yn hynny - byddwn ni'n rhannu'r manylion pan fydd gennym ni. byddwn yn rhannu'r manylion pan fydd gennym ni. Byddai gwaith adnewyddu helaeth yn cael ei wneud yn ystod y cyfnod masnachu tawel yn gynnar yn 2024 felly byddai'r dafarn yn gwbl weithredol erbyn yr haf nesa.

Dywedodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gweithrediadau John Archer, a fu'n gweithio am draean o ganrif mewn cwmni Technoleg Gwybodaeth byd-eang ac yna'n roedd Brif Fragwr yn Swydd Derby, wrth y cyfarfod fod adborth gan y gymuned yn dangos bod 70% eisiau Cwrw Go lawn lleol a dewisiadau bwyd lleol da. Byddai'r rhain wrth galon arlwy'r dafarn.

Dywedwyd wrth y cyfarfod y byddai siop gymunedol a Swyddfa Bost gobeithio, ac mai'r bwriad oedd y byddai'r dafarn yn ganolbwynt cyfeillgar yr pentref wrth galon bywyd y gymuned leol.

Mae hyn i gyd yn newyddion ardderchog. Mae CAMRA yn lleol – ac yn wir yn genedlaethol – yn llongyfarch pawb a fu'n ymwneud ag achub hen dafarn bentref draddodiadol Gymreig. Edrychwn ni ymlaen at gyfarfod a chymdeithasu yno unwaith y bydd yn barod.

Edrychwch ar <http://ycrossinn.cymru> am y stori lawn a sut y gallwch CHI eu helpu gyda'u camau nesaf.

Ymgyrch i Achub Y Cross, Cas-lai, wedi'i Henwebu ar gyfer Gwobr CAMRA Genedlaethol

Mae'r ymgyrch i achub y Cross Inn, Cas-lai wedi'i henwebu ar gyfer gwobr CAMRA genedlaethol, Gwobr Arbed Tafarnau CAMRA.

Mae'r wobwr hon yn cydnabod pobl sydd wedi dod at ei gilydd i achub tafarn a fyddai fel arall wedi'i dymchwel neu ei throsi at ddefnydd arall. Nod y wobwr yw sicrhau cyhoeddusrwydd i ymgyrchoedd achub tafarndai ac annog eraill i gymryd rhan mewn achub eu lleol. Gellir rhoi'r wobwr i unrhyw grŵp sydd wedi cynnal gweithgaredd ymgyrchu i arbed tafarn rhag cau dros y 12 mis diwetha.

Byddwn ni'n rhoi gwybod i chi sut y maent yn dod ymlaen. Byddent nhw yn ein barn ni yn enillwyr haeddiannol, ar ôl gwneud ymdrech wych i achub tafarn bentref Gymreig draddodiadol go iawn.

Eisiau mwy o straeon Cymraeg sydd wedi'u hysgrifennu'n well yn eich Cylchlythyr Cangen? Cysylltwch â ni os gallwch chi ein helpu ni i'w hysgrifennu. Gweler isod.

CAMPAIGN TO SAVE Y CROSS HAYSCASTLE HAS SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC MEETING

The Community Benefits Society set up to manage the Community buyout of *Y Cross*, Haycastle Cross, held a well-attended public meeting on Wednesday 2nd August at 7pm at Newton Chapel, near the pub.

Representatives of our CAMRA Branch, led by our Pubs Preservation Officer, Alan Kilbey, were in attendance, reflecting the support the Branch has given this local community campaign since it started.

Campaign Chairman Geraint Evans told the meeting that grant money of £244,000 would shortly be paid into the Community Benefits Society account. His colleague Clive Hampton told the meeting the conveyancing process for the community society buying the pub was under way.

There would be a meeting at the local Community Centre to share plans for the ensuing refurbishment. It was hoped the pub would be able to open under community management for a launch social in October. Local CAMRA members will no doubt be most welcome at that – we shall share the details when we have them. Extensive refurbishments would be

carried out during the quiet trading period in early 2024 so the pub would be fully up and running by next summer.

Operations Director John Archer, who worked for a third of a century at a global IT company and then was a Head Brewer in Derbyshire, told the meeting that feedback from the community showed that 70% wanted good local Real Ale and local food choices. These would be at the heart of the pub's offering.

The meeting was told there would be a community shop and hopefully a Post Office, and that the intention was that the pub would be a friendly village hub at the heart of the life of the local community.

This is all excellent news. CAMRA locally – and indeed nationally – congratulates all those involved in saving a good old traditional Welsh village pub. We look forward to meeting and socialising there once it is ready.

See <http://ycrossinn.cymru> for the full story and how YOU can help with the next steps.

Campaign to Save Y Cross, Haycastle, nominated for National CAMRA Award

The campaign to save the Cross Inn, Haycastle, has been nominated for a national CAMRA award, the CAMRA Pub Saving Award.

This award recognises people who have come together to save a pub that would have otherwise been demolished or converted to another use. The award aims to secure publicity for pub-saving campaigns and encourage others to get involved in saving their local. The award can be made to any group which has carried out campaigning activity to save a pub from closure over the last 12 months.

We will let you know how they get on. They would in our opinion be deserving winners, having put in a magnificent effort to save a real traditional Welsh village pub.

BLUESTONE BREWERY – A VIEW FROM A VISITOR

Mike Clarke, Chair of Aylesbury Vale and Wycombe CAMRA in the Home Counties, is a regular visitor to our county and a beer writer.

On a recent visit he visited local brewery Bluestone, and wrote an article about it, to which with Mike's permission we share the link

<https://www.pelliclemag.com/home/2022/9/12/the-hills-are-alive-meeting-the-founders-of-bluestone-brewing-company-in-cilgwyn-wales>

We hope to feature further articles on the topic of our local breweries from Mike, and look forward to meeting him on a future visit to Pembrokeshire.

Other news?

Any local brewers, or publicans, doing anything likely to be of interest to local CAMRA members please feel free to contact our Secretary and Newsletter editor, Steve, at the e-mail address below and we shall be delighted to share the tidings.

NATIONAL NEWS

BEER PRICES HAVE RISEN FASTER THAN INFLATION FOR 15 YEARS

At the end of August data consultancy CGA revealed that the average price of a pint of beer in the UK has almost doubled over the last 15 years, notably worse than the general inflation of all prices over that time. In 2008 the average British pint cost £2.30. Now it costs £4.30. If the price of a pint had risen in line with the average for consumer goods, it would average only £3.55 nationally. In some parts of London drinkers are charged the outrageous average of £6.63 a pint.

Whilst some recent tax changes benefitting pubs serving real ale and smaller breweries are welcome, they are clearly long overdue. CAMRA will continue to campaign for a fair price for a decent pint. Why not get active in the Campaign, if you aren't already, and join our fight for your pint!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PEMBROKESHIRE PUB?

We invite members to tell us which is their favourite pub in Pembrokeshire, and why. E-mail the Secretary at the e-mail address below.

Member Joey Bryant from over the border in Cardigan Town/Aberteifi says:

Trewern Arms, Nevern - ever changing range with best of Wales and Borders breweries, lovely old pub and a pint on the wall by the river in the sun is one of life's pleasures

Victoria Inn, Roch - micro brewery with range of cask ales, the view of Newgale is worth the trip.

Y Tafarn Sinc - unique in the mountains, again great views

Our Branch Pubs Database Co-ordinator Paul Padget, from Fishguard, shares his favourites with us:

My favourite pubs within relatively easy reach of Fishguard would include:

Bont , *Llanychaer*

Artramont, *Croes Goch*

Ship Inn, *Trefin*

Tafarn Sinc, *Rosebush*

Trewern Arms, *Nevern*

Pembs pubs further afield and therefore very rarely visited, sadly, on my part include:

Old Point House, Angle (surely one of the most spectacular settings for any pub!)

Cresselly Arms, Cresswell Quay (likewise amazingly scenic)

Nags Head, Abercych

Stackpole Inn

Brewery Inn, Coshaston

Butchers Arms, Tegryn

St Brides Inn, Little Haven

Cottage Inn, Llangwm (nice old pub, but not too sure whether they go far beyond basic Doom Bar)

Thanks Joey and Paul - let's hear from the rest of you!

WHAT WE'RE DOING NEXT:

September Branch Meeting, Royal Oak, Fishguard, Saturday September 16th at 2pm.

Our next Branch Meeting will be at the *Royal Oak*, Market Square, Main St, Fishguard SA65 9HA, our 2020 Branch Pub of the Year. A good selection of local real ales is always on tap. After the Meeting a pub crawl of Fishguard could quite possibly ensue...

Bus T5 leaves Haverfordwest 12.35, calling at Letterston 12.59 and arriving Fishguard 13.13. Buses back at 15.50 and 17.50.

Pub landlords interested in hosting a Branch Meeting (much beer is likely to be drunk!) contact the Branch Secretary or Chairman at the e-mail addresses below.

Joint Social with Bae Ceredigion CAMRA Saturday 23rd September, Cardigan Brewery

Our neighbours in Bae Ceredigion have invited us to join them on a social and brewery tour to the Bragdy Aberteifi/Cardigan Brewery brewpub, *Y Bryn a'r Bragdy*, at Brynhoffnant on the A437 north of Cardigan. We are happy to accept. Apart from its own beers, the brewpub also does very good pizzas and burgers.

We shall be travelling on the trusty T5 bus, leaving Haverfordwest at 11.35, Letterston 11.59, Fishguard 12.20 and arriving at Brynhoffnant outside the brewery at 13.34. The 16.23 from Brynhoffnant arrives in Fishguard 17.45, Letterston 18.02 and Haverfordwest at 18.21. Keep the date free!

October Branch Social, Carmarthen Beer Festival, St Peter's Hall, Carmarthen, Friday 6th October, 2pm

Carmarthen CAMRA always put on a fine beer festival. For what's happening this year see https://www.facebook.com/carmarthenbeerfestival/?locale=en_GB

The Festival runs from Thursday 5th to Saturday 7th October. We shall have a Branch Social there on the Friday afternoon, meeting in the hall at around 2pm.

322 bus from Haverfordwest Bus Station at 12.10 arrives Carmarthen bus station at 13.13.

Bus back at 16.35 arrives Haverfordwest at 17.45.

Train times will appear in our newsletter nearer the time, as timetable information is not yet available.

Some Branch members will be volunteering behind the Bar at the Festival also, though Carmarthen would still welcome more volunteers. Interested? Contact our Secretary on secretary@pembrokeshire.camra.org.uk to put your name down.

Branch Annual General Meeting, and Christmas Dinner, 1pm, Saturday 16th December at the Corner Piece, Rudbaxton.

Keep the date free! You can't say we don't give you plenty of notice for the most important Branch Meeting of the year and one of the most enjoyable social events in our calendar.

RECRUITMENT DRIVE – GET CAMRA PUBLICITY MATERIAL INTO OUR PUBS!!

We are starting to get results from our drive to get our excellent “Ten Great Reasons to Join CAMRA” recruitment leaflet, and the Welsh-language version, “*Deg rheswm gwyh i ymuno â CAMRA*”, into our local pubs, but we still need to get more out.

Why not pick up some leaflets and stands for YOUR local at our next Branch meeting? Our Secretary has ample supplies and will also demonstrate the origami needed to erect the stands for them ready to go on the bar, with the landlord/lady's permission of course.

Can you help? Let our Secretary know at a Branch meeting when he will be able to give you the leaflets and stands or contact him by email on secretary@pembrokeshire.camra.org.uk. In the latter case we can drop the leaflets and stands round to you or if that's not feasible post them.

OTHER NEWS

Siaradwyr Cymraeg dal eisiau!

Hoffen ni estyn allan at y gymuned Gymraeg yn ein hardal. Mae Ysgrifennydd y Gangen, Steve, yn dysgu Cymraeg (wel, mae e'n wedi basio ei arholiad Myndediad!) ond hoffen ni gynnwys siaradwyr Cymraeg rhugl wrth ysgrifennu erthyglau hon a chylchgrawn Cangen posibl yn y dyfodol.

Gallwch chi helpu? Cysylltwch ag Ysgrifennydd y Gangen yn
secretary@pembrokeshire.camra.org.uk

CHECK OUT OUR BRANCH WEBSITE:

www.pembrokeshire.camra.org.uk

Keep up to date with the latest goings on in the Real Ale Scene in Pembrokeshire. Articles and information always welcome to WebsiteCo-ordinator@pembrokeshire.camra.org.uk

Cheers!

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